

program's founding, the U. S. Department of Education has bestowed this coveted award to more than 8,500 of America's best schools.

Richland Elementary School serves roughly 152 students and was one of 3 schools in North Dakota to receive the honor of Exemplary High Performing School in 2018. Receiving recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School signifies the hard work and dedication of the educators, students and parents involved, and I have no doubt its students are on a path to success. To effectively bolster reading and writing skills, the school utilizes Sails Literacy which immerses students in oral, written, and visual language. The ability to personalize each student's learning plan helps ensure they are performing to the best of their abilities. Additionally, the school receives constant feedback from teachers on the Sails Literacy program, which allows for the program to be molded to fit new classes. The faculty, staff, and community of Abercrombie are leading the way on literary education in North Dakota, and this innovation serves as a model that all schools can look towards when finding new ways to promote student growth and development.

The Richland #44 School District mission statement reads, "Students will be taught the skills and gain the knowledge to experience success, positive self-worth, and become responsible citizens in society." Richland Elementary School has done an excellent job at providing a positive and enriching learning environment for their students. I wish the very best to the community of Abercrombie and congratulations to all engaged at Richland Elementary School for achieving this high honor. Thank you for your commitment to our children and leaders of tomorrow.●

TRIBUTE TO MASON WILLIAMS ANDREWS

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome home and congratulate a young man from my home State of Louisiana, Mr. Mason Williams Andrews. Mr. Andrews just achieved his mission of setting a new world record as the youngest solo pilot to complete a circumnavigation of the globe, as Mason is about 4 months younger than the current record holder.

Mr. Andrews set out on July 22, on "Mason's MedCamps Mission" from Monroe, LA, in an effort to achieve the new world record, as well as raise funding and awareness about MedCamps, which is a summer camp for children with disabilities and illnesses. Today Mr. Andrews has achieved both of his goals and will make his official and final landing in Monroe tomorrow morning, Saturday, October 6.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Andrews on a job well done. We are grateful for his safe return and applaud his courageous efforts to help a worthy cause by raising over \$25,000 for

MedCamps throughout his 2 month journey.

On behalf of the people of Louisiana, I would like to express my congratulations to Mason and thank him for his efforts in helping MedCamps continue their mission of serving children.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 597. A bill to take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-344).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 600. A bill to promote Internet access in developing countries and update foreign policy toward the Internet, and for other purposes.

S. 1862. A bill to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to modify the criteria for determining whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 3552. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the 7(a) program of the Small Business Administration to bring those thresholds into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 3553. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the section 504 program of the Small Business Administration to bring those thresholds into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 3554. A bill to extend the effective date for the sunset for collateral requirements for

Small Business Administration disaster loans; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 3555. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish the Office of Older LGBT Policy and a rural outreach grant program carried out by such Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 3556. A bill to provide disaster relief assistance to individuals for the purpose of clearing fallen debris, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 3557. A bill to strengthen and improve local and regional workforce and economic competitiveness and resilience, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3558. A bill to provide for enhanced protections for vulnerable alien children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 329

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to place restrictions on the use of solitary confinement for juveniles in Federal custody.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to modify the criteria for determining whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 2752

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2752, a bill to provide a Federal charter to the Fab Foundation for the National Fab Lab Network, a national network of local digital fabrication facilities providing universal access to advanced manufacturing tools for learning skills, developing inventions, creating businesses, and producing personalized products, and for other purposes.

S. 2784

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Colorado